



To the
Children of Light
IN THIS
GENERATION,

Called of God to be Partakers of *Eter-*
nal Life in **JESUS CHRIST**, the
Lamb of God & Light of the World.

My Endeared Friends and Brethren ;

MAny *Dayes and Weeks*, yea, some *Moneths*
hath my *Heart* been *Heavy*, and my *Soul*
unusually Sad for the sake of this *Nation*,
the *Land of our Nativity* ! For I have not only long
beheld with a *grieved Eye* the many *Abominations*
and *gross Impieties* that reign therein, the *Lusts*,
Pleasures, Wantonness, Drunkenness, Whoredoms, Oaths,
Blasphemies, Envy, Treachery and Persecution of the Just,
but for some time I have had a deep *Sense*, that the
Overflowing Scourge of *God's Wrath and Indignation*
was just ready to break out upon the *People, Confusi-*
on, Amazement and Misery ! The *Weight* of which
hath caused me to *Cry* within my self, *who shall Save*
us ! Who shall Deliver us ! Is there none to stay the Stroke,
to blunt the Edge, to stop the Fury, and intercede for the

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People, and mediate for this poor Land, that the Lord may not utterly depart, and take his Glory and his Name from it, and make it a Desolation for the Wild Beasts of the Field and Fowls of the Air, a Land of Judgment and not of Promise; of Curses, and not of Blessings.

My Friends, whilst the Sense of this Distress, that is coming as a Dreadful Visitation from the Hand of the Displeased God upon this Ungodly Land to stain its Glory, Bring down its Pride and Punish its Forgetfulness of the Lord and his many Delicacies, lay so Heavy upon my Spirit, the Lord presented before me all the Truly Conscientious and Well-inclined people in these Nations; and more especially you, his Despised but Chosen Generation, for whose sake he would yet have Mercy. And in the midst of his Judgments, This I received for you from the Lord, as his Holy will and Counsel, and it often sprung in my Heart with a very Fresh and Strong Life;

TO THY TENTS, O ISRAEL!

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God is thy TENT: To thy God, O Israel!

PREPARE, O Friends, to stand in this Day before the Lord (that is in the first place;) for ye shall also have your Exercise. Yea, Great is that work, which we have to do for the Lord by his Powerful, but very Peaceable Spirit; for God will by all these Hurries, Confusions and Vexations, that are at the Door, drive people from their False Gods, and bring them home to HIMSELF. He will throw down Wickedness, and establish Righteousness; he will waste Sin, but Truth shall grow. He will debase the Mountain of Empty Profession; but the Mountain of his Holiness shall be exalted. He hath determined to raise up and

renown the *Seed of Light, Life and Truth* in the Hearts of people; *Holy Patience, Meekness, Wisdom, Love, Faith, Purity and Perseverance* (so much wanting in the World) shall be seen to dwell in it, and only to come from it. And my witness is, that ye are the People, through whom this *Heavenly Seed of Righteousness* must Clearly and Steadfastly so shine unto others in these *Uneven and Rough Times*, that are Come and Coming, as that your *Heavenly Father may be glorified by you.*

Wherefore in the Name of the Lord be ye all *Disincumbered of the World* and *Discharged of the Cares* of it; Fly as for your Lives from the *Snare* therein, and get you into your *Watch-Tower*, the NAME of the LORD! Which is not a *Dead Name*, or a meer *Liturgical Name*; but a *Living Spiritual* and very *Powerful Name*: A *Strong Tower* indeed, yea, an *Invincible Fortress*; where, dwell ye with God, and in him who speaketh *Peace* to his Children, and ordains *Quietness* for them that trust in him. He will make you to lie down *Safely*, even then when *Darkness* and *Confusion* shall be thick about you; yea, ye shall live in the *Fire*, that will *Consume the Stubble of the World*, and your *Garments* shall not be so much as *Singed*: for the *Son of God*, whom the *Flames*, as well as *Winds* and *Seas* obey, will be in the *Midst* of you.

Next *Friends*, this know; We are the People above all others, that must *stand in the Gap* and *Pray* for the putting away of the *Wrath*, so as that this Land be not made an *Uster Desolation*; and God expects it at our Hands. PREPARE ye therefore to *Meet* and *Sanctify* the Lord in his *Coming* and *Judgments*! Why stand any of you *gazing*? Let none *gaze* or *Look out*,

I beseech you, that is the Enemy's Work to weaken you within; but be ye *Retired*, be ye *Centered* in the *Eternal One*, and Meditate upon the Lord and his *Living, Pure Law*, that ye may be *Wise in Heart* and travel in Spirit for this *Poor Land*, and that for Enemies as well as Friends. The Lord is ready to hear you for this people, when ye are ready to *Intercede*; and I testify, *Abraham* is amongst you, *God's Friend*, and his *Fust Lot* too; yea, *Jacob*, that *Prevailed*: & *One*, that is Greater then them all, *JESUS*, the *Lamb of God*, whose *Blood speaketh better things, than that of Abel*, in whom is the *Mediation* and *Attonement*. Be therefore encouraged to wait upon the Lord, and to bow before him, and humbly to *Meditate* in the *Life* of *JESUS* with him: I know, he will put it into your Hearts so to do, if ye wait upon him. For he will not cast off this Land, as he did *Sodom*; he hath a *Right Seed*, a *Noble People* in it, that he hath and yet will gather: many Sheep there be not yet of our Fold, whom he will bring in, and the foul Weather and the *Storms* will but help to drive them Home to *J E S U S*, the *Living* and *True Witness* and *Light* within, that he whom God hath ordained to *Reign*, may be great in them.

And Lastly, my Dear Friends and Brethren, by how much this *Day* draws Nigh, by so much the more do ye *Stand loose* in your *Affections* to the World, but fast in the *Faith*. And *Assemble* your selves together, and let God *Arise* in you, and his *Power* and *Spirit of Life*, among you, that ye may not only *Wrestle*, but in the End *Prevail*; That it may be seen, that *SALVATION* is of the *Jews*, the *Jews Inward*, in *Spirit* and in *Truth*: And truly, the time hastens, that *Ten* shall take

take hold of the Skirt of such a Jew, and they shall be saved. But *Wo* to the Hypocrite in that Day, the Formalist, the Jew Outward, the Circumcision in the Flesh and Fleshly Christian, that cannot resist the Temptations of this World, the Temporizer, one that Runs with the Tide, he will be Divided. For there will be more Tides, more Interests on Foot at once, than One; wherefore Perplexity will take hold on him, his Policy will be Confounded. He will not know what to do to be Safe, nor what to Joyn with; this Double minded Man will be Unstable in his Counsels and in his Actions, his Sandy Foundation will be shaken. Therefore, as I said, *Wo* to the Hypocrite, and to the Covetous Man too, for his Gods will fail him; the Thief, the Moor and Rust will invade his Baggs and surprize his Treasure: his Anguish will be Great in this Day! But my Dear Brethren, as the Power and Spirit of our Lord God will Preserve and Establish us, if we Sincerely and Entirely confide therein, and that above our Sollicitation or Need of Carnal Consultations or Contrivances, which we have therefore laid aside; so shall it Vindicate us in Due Time in the Eyes of all Nations, and present us a People owned, beloved and protected of God, in whom we have firmly believed. Nor is this Presumption, as some may think, who being not so well acquainted with that Entire Resignation and Supreme Faith (of which Jesus is the Author, that removes Mountains into the Sea) conclude from meer Natural and Human Considerations against us; yet we know him in whom we have believed: and the same, that hath Cured us of our Diseases, the same said unto us, *Arise and Walk in this Way of Faith; Trust in me, and not in another.* And truly, this is much of that *Wonder*, which Men shall

shall have in their Minds and Mouthes about us in those *Later Dayes*, In *Troubles* not to be dejected, and in *Jeopardies* not to be concerned to make to our selves *Defences*; but as the *Lillies*, that neither toil nor spin, yet feed and grow, so we may both be preserved and become *Victorious* without *Worldly Force* or *Projections*. For we must shew our selves to be that *Little City* and *Hill of God*, that hath only his *Salvation* for our *Walls* and *Bulwarks*; by whom he will renown his *Arm*, and magnifie his *Power* above the *Arts* and *Contrivances of Men*. Our *Weapons* and our *Armour* is *Spiritual*, it hath prevailed, and it will prevail, if we keep in the *Faith*, which was first delivered to us: a blessed *Shield*, by which the *Just* live.

And therefore, *My Dear Friends*, let us be Careful not to *mingele* with the *Crowd*, lest their *Spirit* enter us instead of our *Spirit* entring them, and we thereby come to fall into the same *Temptations* they are liable to, of *Fear* and *Flying to the Hills and Mountains* to protect them, considing in the *Arm of Flesh* to deliver them; no, no! they must come to us, we must not go to them. Yet can we not be *Unsensible* of their *Infirmities*, as well as we shall not be free from some of their *Sufferings*; we must make their *Case* as our own, and travail alike in *Spirit* for them, as for our selves. Let us stand in the *Counsel* of our *God*, and he will make us *Preachers* forth to them of the *Works* of his *Divine Power*, and the *Virtue* of that *Faith* which comes from *Heaven*; yea, he will make us as *Saviours* to the *People*, that they may come to know the *Holy Law* and *Word* of the *Lord* (their *Creator*) in their *Hearts*, and have their *Minds* and *Souls* turned to him, and stay'd upon him, that *Iniquity* may no
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more abound, nor *Ungodliness* find a place: but that in *Truth*, *Righteousness* and *Peace* they may be established, and the Land keep its *SABBATH* to the Lord for ever! Then shall God lift up the *Light* of his *Countenance* upon us, and water us from Heaven, and bless us with all *Temporal* and *Spiritual Blessings*, and we shall be yet called, *THE ISLAND SAVED BY THE LORD!* Amen, Amen!

This was upon my Soul from God to you; I could not Visit you all with a *Distinct Message* upon many *Accounts*: besides, the *Time* is *Short*, and the *Confusion* appears to me to be at hand. Therefore have I sent it by way of *Epistle*, with the *Brotherly Salutation* of *Unfeigned* and *Unalterable Love* to you all in your *Respective Meetings* and *Families*. And the Lord God of our *Visitation & Redemption* stir you up to these things. and keep us all in his *Holy Fear*, *Wisdom*, *Love* and *Patience* through all those *Travails* and *Exercises* to the End of our Days; that having finished our Testimonies, our Heads may go down to our Graves in *Peace*, and our Souls be received into the *Rest*, which is reserved for the *Righteous* with God, and with his *Blessed Lamb* forever! I am

Your Brother and Companion through the many *Tribulations* of our Day and Testimony

Worminghurst in *Suffex*,
the 4th of the 9th
Moneth, 1678.

William Penn.

I desire, that this *Epistle* may be read in the *Fear* of the Lord in your several Meetings.

John Fowler

more abundant, and a place of refuge
 in every affliction, and so they may be established
 and the Lord keep them. Amen. Amen. Amen.
 over. Then shall God lift up the right hand of his
 mercy upon us, and deliver us from Heaven, and place
 us with all temporal and spiritual blessings, and so
 shall be yet called. Amen. Amen. Amen.
 The Lord Amen.

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 Father forever. Amen.

Your loving and obedient son
 William Lloyd

William Lloyd
 Monday, 10-2

I thank you for the letter you sent in the Year of the
 Lord in your recent message.

Caleb Houser